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1. SWEDISH UNIONS HAVE RUSHED FORWARD WITH PROMISES OF SUPPORT FOR DANISH LO IN INITIAL REACTIONS TO DANISH STRIKE. SWEDISH LO PRESIDENT ARNE GEIJER HAS RELEASED TEXT OF TELEGRAM TO DANES' THOMAS NIELSEN IN WHICH HE STATED SWEDISH LO IS PREPARED TO GIVE ECONOMIC SUPPORT AS NEEDED TO DANISH LO. SWEDISH LO GENERAL UNCLASSIFIED

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SECRETARY RUNE MOLIN WAS IN COPENHAGEN MARCH 22 TO WORK OUT SUPPORT PLAN, DETAILS OF WHICH NOT YET RELEASED IN STOCKHOLM.

2. NORDIC FEDERATIONS ALSO PROMISING SUPPORT FOR DANISH MEMBER UNIONS WITH NORDIC FACTORY WORKERS UNIONS AND NORDIC METALWORKERS CONFEDERATION BOTH PROMISING ECONOMIC SUPPORT AND STATING THEIR UNIONS IN OTHER NORDIC COUNTRIES WILL NOT RPT NOT HANDLE PRODUCTION PRESUMED TO HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED FROM DENMARK. NORDIC METAL WORKERS MET IN COPENHAGEN MARCH 21 TO SET UP CONTINGENCY PLANS ALONG FOREGOING LINES. EEN ASSISTING SOUTH YEMEN IN EXPLORING ITS PETROLEUM RESOURCES. A CHINESE OIL SURVEY TEAM CARRIED OUT A SIX- MONTH INITIAL SURVEY IN THE EASTERN PART OF THE COUNTRY, AND ON MARCH 11 SAMPLES OBTAINED DURING THE SURVEY AND ANALYZED SY THE PRC WERE TURNED OVER TO THE YEMENI PETROLEUM COMPANY BY THE PRC EMBASSY IN ADEN (ADEN HOME SERVICE, FEBRUARY 11, 1973, BBC). CHINA SIGNED A PETROLEUM EXPLORATION COOPERATION PROTOCOL WITH NORTH KOREA LAST OCTOBER (1972 ER-21, HK A-293), BUT SOUTH YEMEN IS THE FIRST EXAMPLE OF PRC COOPERATION WITH OR ASSISTANCE TO A NON- COMMUNIST COUNTRY IN THIS FIELD THAT WE HAVE NOTED.

IN OTHER AID DEVELOPMENTS, CHINA AND AFGHANISTAN SIGNED NOTES ON MARCH 1 REGARDING PRC AID IN THE EXPANSION OF A TEXTILE MILL, AND WORK BEGAN IN THE SUDAN MARCH 7 ON A 227 KILOMETER ROAD TO BE BUILT BY THE CHINESE UNDER A 14.5 MILLION POUNDS STERLING (\$35 MILLION) AID AGREEMENT SIGNED IN 1971 (NCNA; KHARTOUM A-90, 1972). (UNCLASSIFIED)

11. OCEAN SHIPPING: SHANGHAI SHIPYARD, A NEW PORT, AND CHILE

AN ARTICLE IN THE HONG KONG COMMUNIST TA KUNG PAO ON MARCH 3 HAS CONFIRMED EARLIER REPORTS THAT THE SHANGHAI SHIPYARD HAS NOW BUILT A TOTAL OF FIVE 10,000 TON CLASS OCEAN- GOING FREIGHTERS (1972 ER-24 AND 25, HK A-329 AND 342). THE FIRST WAS BUILT DURING 1969-70, AND FOUR OTHERS-- NOW DESCRIBED AS "13,000 TON" SHIPS-- WERE BUILT AND LAUNCHED DURING 1971 AND 1972. OVER FOUR TIMES AS LARGE AS " BEFORE LIBERATION," THE YARD IS SAID TO HAVE 10 WORKSHOPS, OCCUPY AN AREA OF 460,000 SQUARE METERS, AND EMPLOY A STAFF OF OVER 7,000 WORKERS.

IN FUKIEN, A NEW PORT HAS BEEN UNDER CONSTRUCTION SINCE LAST FALL AT THE MOUTH OF THE MIN RIVER, ABOUT 24 KILOMETERS FROM FOOCHOW. AT PRESENT, SHIPS MOOR IN MIDSTREAM WITHIN THE HARBOR, BUT THREE WHARVES FOR BERTHING STEAMERS ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND WILL BE CONNECTED BY A RAILWAY SPUR LINE. KNOWN AS MAMEI PORT, IT REPORTEDLY IS TO DEVELOP OVER THE NEXT

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5 TO 10 YEARS MODERN WHARVES, GODOWNS, REFRIGERATION PLANTS, FISH PROCESSING PLANTS, AND BANK AND BUSINESS OFFICES. THE NEARBY MAMEI SHIPYARD NOW EMPLOYS 2,000 WORKERS AND BUILDS COASTAL FREIGHTER AND HAS UNDER CONSTRUCTION A CONCRETE SEA-

GOING FREIGHTER OF 5,720 TONS, THE PRC'S FIRST CONCRETE VESSEL OF THIS SIZE (HK NEW EVENING POST (PRO- COMMUNIST), MARCH 9).

THIS OLD TREATY PORT HAD BEEN NEARLY DORMANT UNTIL RECENTLY. THE CURRENT CONSTRUCTION SUGGESTS THAT IT MAY PLAY A GREATER ROLE HENCEFORTH, NOT ONLY IN SUPPORT OF FUKIEN'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, BUT ALSO IN COASTAL SHIPPING AND, PERHAPS, IN SINO- JAPANESE TRADE SINCE THE JAPANESE ARE INTERESTED IN BUYING FISH PRODUCTS FROM THE PRC. IT ALSO SUGGESTS THAT, DESPITE THE CONTINUED PRESENCE OF A GRC GARRISON ON MATSU, THE PRC EXPECTS THE TAIWAN STRAITS SITUATION TO REMAIN CALM, THUS MAKING SUCH INVESTMENTS REASONABLE.

MEANWHILE, ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE PACIFIC, THE CHINESE EMBASSY IN SANTIAGO HELD A RECEPTION MARCH 18 TO MARK THE ARRIVAL OF THE CHINESE FREIGHTER " KANG DING". IT WAS THE FIRST TO ARRIVE SINCE THE MARITIME TRANSPORT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PRC AND CHILE WAS SIGNED IN JANUARY (NCNA MARCH 20; ER-3 , HK A-39). (UNCLASSIFIED)

12. REPORTED DROP IN PRC FOOD SHIPMENTS TO HONG KONG

ON MARCH 20, HONG KONG'S SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST FRONT PAGES AN ARTICLE SENSATIONALLY HEADLINED " CHINA CUTS SUPPLIES OF FOOD TO COLONY." THE STORY REPORTED RISES IN HONG KONG'S CONSUMER PRICE AND FOOD PRICE INDICES FROM JANUARY 1973 TO FEBRUARY 1973 AND ATTRIBUTED THE RISES BOTH TO HEAVY DEMAND DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR FESTIVAL AND TO " GENERALLY REDUCED SUPPLIES" OF PORK AND OTHER FOODSTUFFS FROM CHINA, WITH EMPHASIS ON THE LATTER. SOME WIRE SERVICES WERE INTERESTED IN THE STORY, AND IT MAY BE REPLAYED ABROAD.

A RISE IN THE INDICES DID OCCUR (AND WILL BE DISCUSSED IN A BROADER STUDY OF LOCAL COSTS NOW UNDER PREPARATION BY THE CONGEN), BUT MUCH OF THE ARTICLE'S ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSIONS IS FAULTY. PRC HOG SHIPMENTS TO HONG KONG IN JANUARY BROKE ALL PREVIOUS RECORDS. THIS WAS NOT UNEXPECTED, SINCE CHINESE NEW YEAR FELL ON FEBRUARY 2-5, AND HEAVY IMPORTS OF SWINE AND
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OTHER FOOD GOODS FROM CHINA PRIOR TO THE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION ARE PART OF THE NORMAL SEASONAL PATTERN OF PRC- HONG KONG TRADE. SIMILARLY, A DROP- OFF IN CHINESE DELIVERIES FOLLOWING THE NEW YEAR IS AN ANNUAL OCCURRENCE, AND WE SEE NOTHING IN THE FEBRUARY TRADE FIGURES SO FAR AVAILABLE THAT WOULD INDICATE A SHARP DEVIATION FROM THIS PATTERN. (UNCLASSIFIED)

13. RECENT REPORTS ON ECONOMIC TOPICS

HK 2627 COURIER SERVICE TO PEKING

HK 2767 PRC INVITES MONSANTO TEAM FOR PLANT SALE DISCUSSIONS
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HK 2857 PRC WEATHER CAUSES DROUGHT AND APPREHENSION

HK A-74 RE- EXPORTS OF CHINA ORIGIN GOODS TO THE U. S. THROUGH
HONG KONG IN 1972

HK A-75 PRC FOREIGN TRADE AND FINANCIAL RELATIONS

HK A-77 AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PRC AND ITALY

HK A-78 PRC TRADE AGREEMENTS WITH ITALY PERHAPS MODELS
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